

MRAC BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Section 1 - Qualification for Membership

1. REGULAR MEMBERS shall hold a valid United States Amateur Radio Operator License and have a bona-fide interest in amateur radio activities.
2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS shall have a bona-fide interest in amateur radio.
3. STUDENT MEMBERS shall be a full time student at any institution of learning and hold a valid United States Amateur Radio Operator License and have a bona-fide interest in amateur radio.
4. NON RESIDENT MEMBERS shall have a bona-fide interest in amateur radio activities and shall not live within the County of Milwaukee and the adjacent counties, State of Wisconsin.
5. LIFE MEMBERS shall be elected from the Regular Members by the Board of Directors after such member has attained the age of 60 or more years and has been a member in good standing for at least 20 years continuously and immediately before reaching the required age.
6. HONORARY MEMBERS shall be selected by the Board of Directors. They shall be individuals who have contributed outstanding service to or for amateur radio.

Section 2 - Voting Membership and Quorum

1. Each Regular, Associate, Student, Non-Resident and Life Member shall be entitled to one vote, if in good standing and present at the meeting.
2. Quorum - one-fourth of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum except Non-Resident Members not present at the meeting and Life Members not residing in Wisconsin and not present at the meeting shall not be counted for a Quorum.

Section 3 - Meetings

1. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the members shall be held in May of each year. The election of members of the Board of Directors and Officers shall take place at this meeting. The Secretary shall give 5 days notice by ordinary mail to all members.

2. REGULAR MEETINGS

The regular meetings shall be held at times prescribed by the Board of Directors.

3. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the members may be held whenever called by the Secretary upon the direction of the President or upon written direction of 1/4 of the members in good standing. The Secretary shall give 5 days written notice by ordinary mail to all members.

4. PLACE OF MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the members shall be held at places designated by the Board of Directors.

5. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

All meetings shall be conducted with reasonably strict adherence to Roberts Rules of Order, revised.

Section 4 - Fees

Dues and fees will be set by the Board of Directors. All dues are to be paid within the first 30 days of the club season to insure good standing. Any member failing to pay his or her dues within 30 days of the due date may be suspended by approval of the Board of Directors. Honorary Members shall be considered non-contributing members. On attaining Life Membership status the member shall have the option, each season, of paying full dues, or a mailing fee of 1/2 the current dues rate. All members in good standing entering the Armed Forces will be free of any payment of dues or fees until their return, and their membership status will continue although they will not be considered voting members while in service. The club season will begin September 1 of each year.

ARTICLE II

Board of Directors

Section 1 - General Powers

The property, affairs and business of the club shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors consisting of 12 persons. They shall be: a Chairman, President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and six Directors. All Directors and Officers will be directly elected by the members from the Regular Members and Life Members and shall hold office until their successors are chosen and qualified.

The Chairman of the Board shall be the immediate Past President or in his absence the next immediate past President available.

Section 2 - Additional Powers

The Board shall have the power to purchase, acquire, lease, sell, convey, assign or otherwise transfer any property rights or privileges which the club is authorized to acquire, real, personal or mixed, at such prices and on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as it may see fit, and may at its discretion pay for any property or rights acquired by the club either wholly or partially in money or in stock, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness. The Board shall have the power to appoint assistants to the general officers of the club, and to suspend their appointments.

Section 3 - Resignation

Any director desiring to resign as an officer of the club must submit, to the Secretary, his written resignation.

Section 4 - Removal

Any Director may be removed at any time *for due cause* at a special meeting of the board members by the affirmative vote of a majority *of the board members*.

Section 5 - Vacancies

In case of a vacancy in the Board of Directors, the remaining Directors may elect a successor until the next succeeding election.

Section 6 - Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held at times prescribed by the Board of Directors. Special meetings shall be held when called by the Secretary upon direction of the President or upon written request of any two directors. A quorum shall be a majority of the Board of Directors. Roberts Rules of Order, revised, shall be followed.

ARTICLE III

General Officers, Duties and Election

Section 1 - General Officers & Duties

1. DIRECTORS - There shall be six directors exclusive of officers. The three directors receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two years and until their successors shall be elected and qualified, and the remaining three directors shall be elected for a term of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. Thereafter three directors will be elected each year, for terms of two years.
2. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD shall be the immediate Past President. He shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors without right to vote except in case of a tie. He shall have supervision of all matters as may be designated to him by the Board of Directors. In his absence, the President shall preside; in his absence, the Vice Presidents in the order of their seniority. In the absence of all, a Chairman Protempore may be elected by a majority of those present.
3. THE PRESIDENT shall preside at the regular and special meetings of the members. He shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall have the general supervision, direction and active management of the property, affairs and business of the corporation. He shall have the power to appoint committees to carry on the activities of the corporation. He shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.
4. THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT shall discharge the duties of the President in the event of the absence or disability for any cause whatever of the latter. The First Vice President shall have charge of all technical and speaker programs and all other programs of the year as prescribed by the Board of Directors in addition to any other duties.

5. THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT shall be ~~responsible for promoting membership and stimulating attendance at the meetings of the Club in addition to the general duties as prescribed from time to time in the By-Laws, and take the place of the First Vice President in his absence.~~ responsible for promoting membership and stimulating attendance at the meetings of the Club in addition to the general duties as prescribed from time to time in the By-Laws, and take the place of the First Vice President in his absence.
6. THE SECRETARY shall in general perform all of the duties which are incident to the office of Secretary of a corporation, subject to the Board of Directors. He shall perform such additional duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the President or the Board of Directors.
7. THE TREASURER shall in general perform all of the duties which are incident to the office of Treasurer of a corporation. If the Board of Directors shall so require it, he shall give bond in such sums and with such surety as the Board of Directors may direct for the faithful performance of his duties and for the safe custody of the funds and property coming into his possession. He shall perform such additional duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 2 - Delegation of Duties

In case of the absence or inability to act of any officer of the corporation, the Board of Directors may delegate for the time being the duties of such officer to any other officer or to any Director. The Board of Directors may provide for the appointment of such additional officers as they may deem for the best interest of the corporation. Whenever the Board of Directors may so order, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The said officers shall perform such additional or different duties as shall from time to time be imposed or required by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 3 - Election

Nominating Committee - There should be a nominating committee consisting of four Regular Members, at least two of whom should be former Presidents or Officials of the club, appointed by the President not less than three months prior to the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating candidates for the election to the office of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors.

Section 3 - Election (Cont'd)

The nominating committee shall be charged with bringing in its reports of selection of candidates to the Club two meetings prior to the annual election held by the members, thus allowing one meeting to intervene for further nominations of candidates for office from the floor. The annual election of officers would then be held the following month which will be the date of the regular annual meeting as prescribed in the existing By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV

Seal

This corporation shall have a common seal which shall be in such form as the Board of Directors may adopt and which shall be in charge of the Secretary.

ARTICLE V

Books and Records

The general and principal books of account of this corporation shall be kept in its principal office in this State, or by such person and at such place as designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments to By-Laws

By-Laws may be adopted, amended or repealed at any meetings of the Members by the vote of a majority of Members requisite to constitute a quorum present at any such meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Custodian

There shall be a Permanent Custodian of the Club, appointed by the Board of Directors. He shall be charged with watching, guarding, caring for and preserving, and accounting to the club for all property committed to his custody. He shall prepare an inventory and once a year the Board of Directors shall examine said property.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments of Articles

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended by resolution setting forth such amendment of amendments adopted at any meeting of the members of this corporation by a vote of a majority of members requisite to constitute a quorum present at such meeting.